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Honorable Leonard D. Wexler
United States District Court
Eastern District of New York
814 Federal Plaza
Central Islip, N.Y. 11722-4451

Re: United States v. Gershon Barkany
Docket No.: 13-CR-362

Dear Judge Wexler:

As you are aware, this firm represents Gershon Barkany ("the defendant") in the above-captioned matter. We are writing to request permission for Mr. Barkany to travel to Texas for the purposes of taking an investor on a tour of the oil fields they have invested in. Mr. Barkany is proposing leaving this Sunday, February 9, 2014 and returning no later than Tuesday, February 11, 2014. We apologize for the late request; the investor only requested this tour on Wednesday evening. We immediately emailed Mr. Caffarone and Pretrial on Thursday morning but unfortunately we did not hear back from pretrial until today.

I have contacted Pretrial services and AUSA Christopher Caffarone regarding the request. Mr. Caffarone does not object to this request. We are still waiting to hear back from PSO Anna Lee regarding her final position. However due to the timing of the request I thought it would be best to get this letter filed as soon as possible.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

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cc: AUSA Christopher Caffarone (via ECF)
PSO Anna Lee – (electronic mail)